



CRETE'S COAST BLOCKADED

The Powers Carry Into Execution Their Threat.

TROOPS ORDERED TO SPHAKIA

Blockade of the Greek Coast Will Probably Not Be Put Into Operation for Some Time—Departure of Prince Constantine for the Frontier Considered Ominous.

London, March 17.—The Times tomorrow will publish a dispatch from Athens, under today's date, saying that a strict blockade of Cretan ports began today. The blockading of the Greek ports, the dispatch says, will, judging from present appearances, not begin for some time. The writer of the dispatch gives details of the state of anarchy that prevails at Candia and Rethimo, where, it is stated, the Mussulmans are looting the property of the Christians. The writer further says that the refugees who have arrived at Candia from the Papyao are being seriously ill-treated.

According to this dispatch only a detachment of the Greek troops has been ordered to Sphakia.

The departure of the Crown Prince for Thessaly has, the dispatch further says, been delayed for fear that it might cause dangerous excitement in the army. It is stated that another band of insurgents, numbering 1,000 men, has entered Macedonia.

Despite the prevailing impression that war is imminent, the writer says there is reason to believe that an earnest desire exists that a peaceful solution of the difficulty may be reached. The unthinking multitude have caught the war fever in its worst form, but those who are able to reflect upon the consequences of the costly mobilization of troops and a prolonged struggle and a rigorous blockade, regard the future with profound misgivings.

BOMBARDMENT TODAY.

Three European Powers Will Destroy a Cretan Village.

Sila, March 17.—The commanders of the British, French and Italian warships have notified the insurgents that tomorrow they will bombard a village near here.

In consequence of this notification, the Christians residing in the village, against which the foreign guns are to be trained, are attracting the foreign officers there.

WILL NOTIFY VASSOS.

Communication With Greece to Be Shut Off.

London, March 17.—The Standard tomorrow will publish a dispatch from Canea saying the seventeen French and Italian officers started this afternoon for the camp of Col. Vassos, commanding the Greek army of occupation, for the purpose of telling him that the admirals of the foreign war vessels board, decided to prevent all further communication between the Greek government and the Greek forces in Crete.

OFFERS TO WITHDRAW.

Turkey Said to Be Willing to Surrender Crete.

London, March 17.—The Byron Society, of London, learns that the agent of the sultan at Athens offered to withdraw the Turkish garrisons in Crete and assign the island to Greece, provided the sovereignty of Turkey be recognized by the payment of an annual tribute.

Greece and the Moslems in Crete, it is said, were entirely willing to agree to these conditions, but the powers suddenly put a stop to the negotiations. It is believed in Athens that the German and Austrian diplomats at Constantinople have thwarted the plan of Lord Salisbury and M. Hanotaux in favor of direct negotiations between the sultan of Turkey and the king of Greece.

SENTIMENT AGAINST GORDY.

He Will Not Be Present at the Inquest Today.

Georgetown, Del., March 17.—Miss Grunert, of Brooklyn, today identified the body of the woman found in a pond near Milton as that of her sister, Mrs. Mary Lewis, or Mrs. Gordy. Miss Grunert also identified the ring found in Gordy's pocket, as having been her sister's. The inquest in the case will be held tomorrow.

So strong are the threats of lynching at Milton, if Gordy should be brought there to be present at the inquest, Attorney General White thinks that it would not be safe to have the prisoner present, so he will be kept in jail here during the inquest tomorrow.

Police Commissioner Removed.

New York, March 17.—Police Commissioner A. D. Parker was today relieved from his office by Mayor Strong. Commissioner Parker was removed on the charge of neglect of duty. Should Gov. Black give his approval to the mayor's removal of Mr. Parker, the mayor will immediately appoint a new commissioner, who will work in harmony with President Roosevelt and Commissioner Andrews, and thus, it is claimed, the long-standing deadlock in the police board will be broken.

Hellman's Resignation Refused.

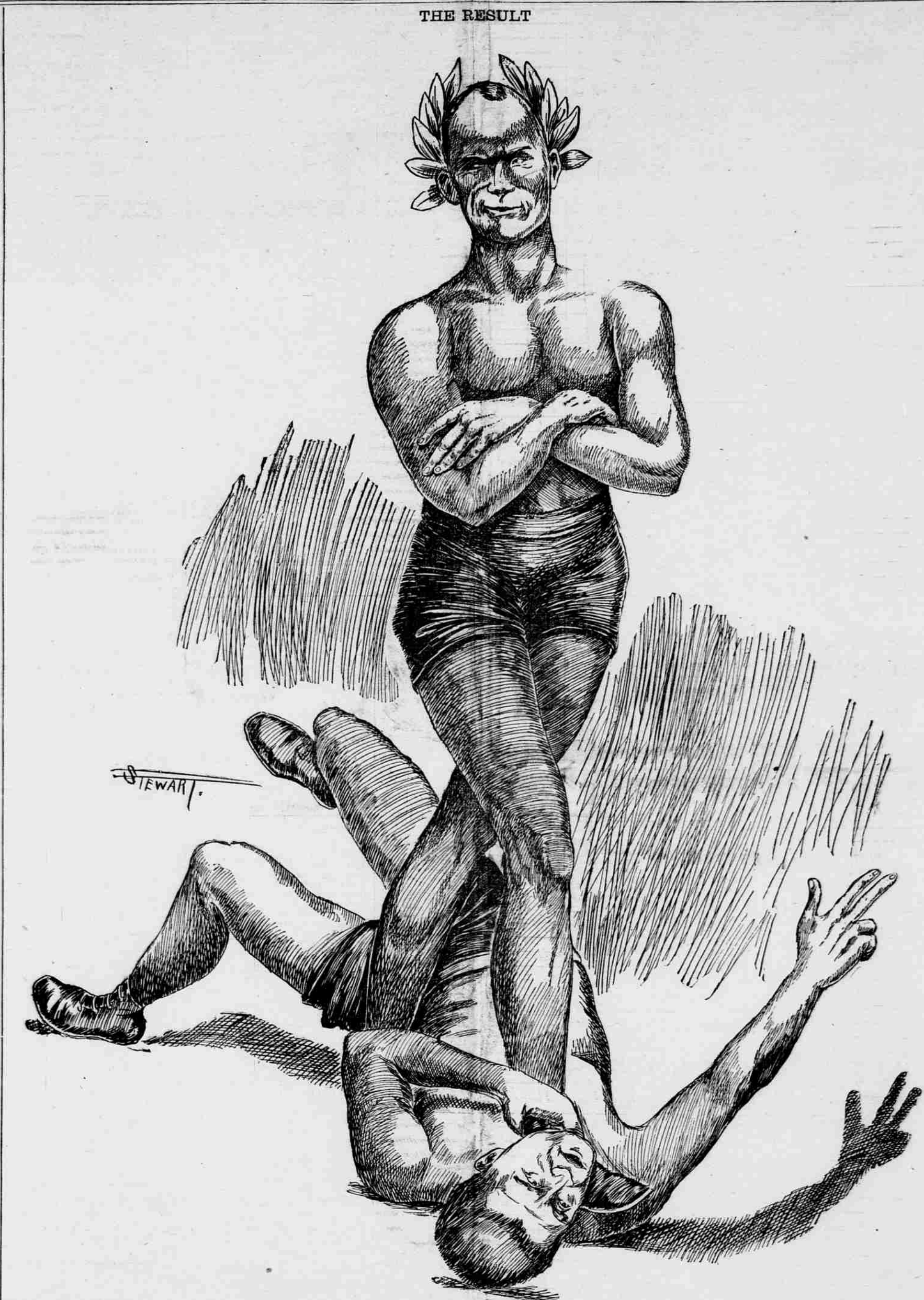
Berlin, March 17.—The National Zeitung announces that Emperor William has refused to accept Vice Admiral Hellman's resignation of the post of secretary of state for the admiralty, which the minister recently tendered because of the rejection of his demands for increased credits for the navy.

Bank President Confesses Forgery. Louisville, Ky., March 17.—A special to the Post from Paducah, Ky., says: M. G. Cope, ex-president of the First National Bank of Paducah, is missing. He made a confession, resigned and left town. His bond is good.

Bishop Rulison Ill.

Birdsboro, Pa., March 17.—On account of ill health, Bishop N. S. Rulison, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, will withdraw for the present from active duties in the central diocese of Pennsylvania.

Mantels, Any Size, \$1.00 Apiece. Libbey & Co., 6th st. and New York ave.



THE RESULT

FITZ THE VICTOR

Knocked Out Corbett in the Fourteenth Round.

HOW THE FIGHT WAS WON

Corbett Thrown Off His Guard by a Simple Ruse.

WILD EXCITEMENT FOLLOWED

A Terrible Blow in the Californian's Stomach Won Fitz the Championship—When Corbett Became Conscious That He Had Lost He Grew Hysterical, and, Running Over to the Australian's Corner, Tried to Hit Him—Corbett Proved Himself the Greatest Boxer in the World, But the Wonderful Recuperative Powers of His Antagonist Were Too Much for Him—Graphic Description of the Fight by Rounds.

Carson, Nev., March 17.—One straight left punch from Bob Fitzsimmons delivered on the pit of Jim Corbett's stomach settled the pugilistic heavyweight championship of the world this afternoon, after fourteen rounds of fast and hard fighting.

Corbett did not bear a mark on his entire body. He had drawn streams of blood from Fitzsimmons' split lips and sore nose, but he could not place the blow he calculated on to win the fight.

In the fourteenth round Fitzsimmons, after several wild leads, got his left in on Jim's stomach with terrific force. Jim doubled up and came forward into a second left on the jaw and the battle was over. Corbett fell to his knees, crawled towards the ropes, with his right hand across his breast and his left stretched out as if to grasp the lower rope for support.

His face wore an agonized expression pitiable to behold.

Fitzsimmons stepped quickly back to his corner, where he stood surrounded by his seconds.

Referee Siler stood over Corbett with both hands uplifted, and in a loud voice, counted the seconds.

At seven, Jim made a desperate and convulsive effort to raise himself to his feet. It was of no use, and his head dropped down until the referee had reached the fatal count. Siler threw his hands down at ten and made his way quickly out of the ring. A scene of the most indescribable confusion followed. Fitzsimmons was quickly surrounded by a crowd, who burst through the ropes, and the Australian danced about for a few seconds. Corbett was assisted to his feet by McVey and White.

The ring was crowded in an instant and it was impossible to clear it. Wild rumors and cries of "fool" were heard for a few minutes, but they quickly died out when it became known that Fitzsimmons had won a fair fight. The crowd on the platform was cleared partially by the officials, and Corbett seeing Fitzsimmons through the break in the crowd made a wild dash at the Australian and led for his head with both hands. Fitzsimmons dropped his hands by his side and, as Corbett came in, the Australian twisted his head under Corbett's arm, never raising his hands.

Corbett wrestled himself clear and swung his right on Bob's jaw, shouting: "Only let me fight him a few more rounds."

Brady rushed up to Jim, put his arm around his neck and tried to force the bewildered ex-champion back. Martin Julian and Steiner wrenched themselves in between the pugilists, Fitzsimmons still keeping up his negative attitude. Corbett cried out hysterically: "Oh, let me go, Billy Brady; let me at him. Only let me fight him a few more rounds. I tell you to let me go."

Billy Brady hugged his friend down to his shoulder, and with tears in his eyes said: "You can fight him again, Jim; you can fight him again. I'll back you for twenty thousand tomorrow. Come with me."

After a long struggle, Corbett was quieted down and his dressing gown thrown over his shoulders. Meanwhile the Australian champion had jumped lightly down the steps from his corner and his wife fervently kissed his blood-stained face. The crowd cheered Bob as he walked in the procession to his dressing room. In return, Bob waved his little flag above his head at each fresh volley of cheers. Once inside he quickly removed all traces of the battle and after a few minutes he left the arena and took a seat in a buggy with his wife holding the reins and a happy smile on her face.

As he was the first to reach the arena, so also was he first to leave. But his recep-

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Nominations of Hay, Porter, and White Favorably Considered.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations yesterday ordered a favorable report to be made on the nominations of John Hay, to be ambassador to Great Britain; Horace Porter, to be ambassador to France; and Mr. White, present secretary at London, to be secretary of the embassy at London.

Half a Million to Charity.

New York, March 17.—In the will of Mrs. Mary Johnson, placed on file in the surrogate's office, only a few of her relatives are remembered. The bulk of her fortune, estimated at \$550,000 in real estate and personal property, is left to the Catholic church and charitable institutions. There will probably be a contest.

Big Sale of Land.

Atlanta, March 17.—Deals were closed at Augusta, Ga., Saturday, on the purchase of about 4,000 acres of the best farm lands in middle Georgia, located about ten miles from Augusta, for the organization of a colony. The Georgia Railroad Land and Colonization Company is at the head of the movement. A town site will be surveyed and the property divided up into small farms, principally for the culture of fruit.

Fought Over a Girl.

Highland Falls, N. Y., March 17.—It took John Fitch, of the West Point Military Academy drum corps, seven short

military Academy drum corps, seven short Davis, an Englishman, and a rival for the hand of Nellie McCaffery, daughter of Sheriff McCaffery, who lives across the Hudson, opposite the academy.

They fought with bare knuckles in front of the land barracks yesterday afternoon.

Against the Police Bill.

Albany, N. Y., March 17.—Gov. Black has given a verdict against Edward Lauterbach. He decided that the Greater New York police reorganization bill ought not to become a law, and that if it did pass the legislature he would veto it.

Emperor William Said to Be Ill.

London, March 17.—The Daily Chronicle will say tomorrow it is stated that some-what grave news has been received in London regarding the condition of the health of Emperor William, of Germany, and that certain constitutional possibilities have been discussed.

Cubans Made a Sortie.

Havana, March 17, via Key West, Fla., March 17.—From Sagua la Grande comes the news that on the 13th the parties of Aniceto Hernandez, Robau and Julio Dominguez surprised a section of volunteers belonging to the Sixth Company of that city. Seven were killed on the spot and two have disappeared.

Ivy Institute Business College, 8th and K. None better. \$25 a year, day or night.

Blinds, \$1 Small Sizes, 75c a Pair. Libbey & Co., 6th st. and New York ave.

MR. PALMA IN WASHINGTON.

The Cuban Leader Hopes to Meet Mr. McKinley.

Mr. Tomas Estrada Palma, the diplomatic representative of the Cubans to the United States, is in Washington. Mr. Palma has come here from New York for the purpose of conferring with Mr. Benjamin Guerra and Gonzalo Quesada on matters pertaining to the Cuban revolution. Mr. Guerra is treasurer of the republic, while his colleague, Mr. Quesada is the charge d'affaires.

Mr. Palma hopes to see President McKinley before his return to New York for the purpose of ascertaining just what course the present Administration will pursue in regard to recognizing Cuba's claims.

In conversation with a Times reporter, at the Hotel Raleigh last night, Mr. Quesada said:

"I am confident of the ultimate success of Cuba in the struggle she is now making for independence. Nothing but the most encouraging reports have come to me from the island, and it is freely predicted that the war will soon be terminated."

"All that is needed to insure our success is the recognition by this Government which rightfully belongs to us. The national Republican convention, unequivocally declared in favor of Cuban independence, and I feel confident that President McKinley will be guided by the dictates of his party in the matter."

"The fact that 20,000 soldiers have been ordered to the Philippine Islands to quell the revolution there, very materially increases Cuba's chances for gaining her

independence. This means at least a year's fighting for the army now representing the Spanish government on the islands, as it would take at least 20,000 men during that time to fill up the gaps that the Cuban insurgents will make in the present army."

"Interest in Cuba's independence is daily increasing in this country, and from North, East, South and West come the most encouraging reports regarding the cause. The Republican convention at Kiowa Island has just declared that this Government should show justice to the revolutionists, and will urge Congress to take speedy action in the matter."

Regarding the Ruiz matter, the Cuban representative said:

"Mrs. Ruiz has laid her statement before Secretary Sherman and it is now being carefully considered by that official. Mrs. Ruiz saw Hon. Cushman K. Davis today in reference to her case, and will call upon Mr. Hitt tomorrow."

Mr. Quesada had nothing to say in reference to the special Cabinet meeting on yesterday, which discussed the neutrality laws. He said he preferred to wait and see what would be done before giving his opinion on the action of the Administration.

To Inspect Government Works. Charleston, S. C., March 17.—Gen. John M. Wilson, chief of the engineering corps, arrived in the city this afternoon. He comes here to inspect the Government works in process of construction in the harbor and the city.

Joist—Straight, Bright, Kilo-dried. Libbey & Co., 6th st. and New York ave.

A GREAT FLOOD.

Many People Reported to Have Been Drowned.

St. Louis, March 17.—The lowlands at the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers are flooded.

It is estimated that 400 square miles of Arkansas bottom lands are under water. Seven persons were drowned today opposite Memphis.

Many others are thought to have perished, but facts are lacking. At Osceola, Ark., 10,000 refugees were compelled to seek high land.

Bayard's Departure From England.

London, March 17.—Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, United States ambassador, with his family, started for Paris at 11 o'clock this morning, leaving Charing Cross station for Dover in a special saloon carriage. A large gathering of friends assembled at the station to see them off and presented them with bouquets of lilies of the valley and other flowers. For some time before their departure there was a general handshaking and exchange of good wishes.

Great Fire at Mandalay. London, March 17.—The Daily Mail's Bombay correspondent states that in a fire at Mandalay last Saturday 1,500 houses were destroyed. Three persons were killed. The damage is estimated at £400,000.

The Weather. Rain; probably clearing in the afternoon; warmer, southerly winds.